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***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 5/18/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Page 5, last paragraph:

The applicant argues that Addington does not teach transmitting “a notification of the customer order from the service provisioning system to the conditional access system.” Referring to figure 20a (and corresponding paragraphs 234-236), Addington teaches that a customer makes an order for a service at a Host Retailer in step 4, and in step 5 that this order is transmitted from the Host Retailer to the Conditional Access & Cable Headend through the Provisioning Server Gateway and the Billing System. This is considered as meeting the limitations found in claims 1 and 15 as the message is passed through a service provision system (Provisioning Server Gateway) and the billing system.

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